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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

RE: Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 222X)

Proposed Abandonment of the El Dorado Subdivision, Ouachita County, AR Request for Extension of Interim Trail Use Negotiating Period

**Dear Secretary Williams:** 

I am the City Attorney for Camden Arkansas. This request is filed on behalf of the City of Camden, Arkansas, which is a political subdivision.

On June 27, 2006, the STB issued a Certificate of Notice of Interim Trail Use pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1152.29. The Surface Transportation Board has previously extended the negotiation period. The negotiation has been delayed while the City obtained an appraisal for the subject property. The appraisal has been completed and it is anticipated that an agreement can be reached in a relatively short time. The City and railroad have expended a great effort on this project and it would be a tragedy to have the opportunity foreclosed at this point. The City of Camden is requesting that the negotiation period be extended for another 180 days.

By my signature below, I certify service upon Union Pacific Railroad Company, c/o Mack H. Shumate, Jr., Senior General Attorney, 101 North Wacker Drive, Room 1920, Chicago, Illinois 60606, by facsimile and by First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009. I have enclosed ten (10) additional copies of this letter for the Board's use and distribution.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I will await further directives from the Board.



Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Michael W. Frey

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Enclosure: Ten copies of letter

cc: Mr. Mack H. Shumate, Jr., Union Pacific Railroad, Via fax and First Class Mail